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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: UN SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF
DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

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1. GENERAL DEBATE ON ITEM 3 (HISTORICAL AND CURRENT
DEVELOPMENT OF RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, ETC.) ENDED
SEPT. 5 WITH DECISION TO ESTABLISH FIVE MEMBER DRAFTING
GROUP TO A) SUM UP DEBATE, B) PREPARE DRAFT RES FOR
SUB-COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION, AND C) RECOMMEND WHETHER
SPECIAL RAPPOREUR SHOULD BE APPOINTED BY HRC TO DO STUDY.
DRAFTING GROUP MODIFIED VERSION PROPOSAL US EXPERT, AMB.
CARTER, ESTABLISH WORKING GROUP TO RECOMMEND GUIDELINES AND
POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO ITEM.

2. DEBATE ON ITEM 3, WHICH ON AGENDA FOR FIRST TIME,
CENTERED AROUND POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO DEVELOPING GUIDELINES
FOR THOROUGH STUDY SELF-DETERMINATION RIGHT. THERE WAS GENERAL
AGREEMENT DEVELOPMENT OF RIGHT SHOULD BE STUDIED FROM WORLD
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WAR I TO PRESENT. MAJOR DIFFERENCES WERE BETWEEN MEMBERS WHO

BELIEVED "SELF-DETERMINATION" PROBLEM LIMITED TO PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION AND THOSE WHO TOOK BROADER VIEW THAT IT APPLIED TO ALL PEOPLES AND NATIONS, WHETHER LEGALLY INDEPENDENT OR NOT.

3. IN HIS SEPT. 4 STATEMENT, AMB. CARTER UNDERSCORED THAT NO AREA OF WORLD, NO RACIAL OR ETHNIC GROUP, NO GEOGRAPHICAL AREA AND NO ECONOMIC SYSTEM HAS HELD MONOPOLY ON WITHHOLDING SELF-DETERMINATION RIGHTS. REJECTING NOTION IT IS ONLY SOME COUNTRIES WHICH ARE GUILTY, HE URGED SUB-COMMISSION NOT TO PRESUME IT HAD ALL ANSWERS BEFORE IT EXAMINED PROBLEM CRITICALLY AND COMPLETELY OBJECTIVELY. CALLING SUGGESTION TO APPOINT SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR PREMATURE, CARTER PROPOSED SMALL WORKING GROUP TO RECOMMEND OUTLINE ON GUIDELINES FOR STUDY FOR CONSIDERATION SUB-COMMISSION. WITH MODIFICATIONS CITED PARA 1, FORMATION DRAFTING GROUP UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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4. COMMENT: REPORT OF WORKING GROUP WILL PROBABLY BE DEBATED AT END OF SESSION. WE DOUBT SUB-COMMISSION EXPERTS, WHOSE VIEWS DIVERGE CONSIDERABLY, WILL REACH AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC ACTION ON ITEM 3 THIS YEAR, EXCEPT TO RECOMMEND HRC AUTHORIZE SUB-COMMISSION TO CONTINUE ITS EXAMINATION OF FEASIBILITY AND METHODOLOGY OF STUDY NEXT YEAR. END COMMENT.BASSIN

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